

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 3-6 and 8-20 are pending. Claims 1 and 7 are cancelled without prejudice to file one or more continuing applications. Claim 20 is newly added. Claims 3-5 and 8-9 were indicated in the Office Action as being objected to, but as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claims 3 and 8 were rewritten to incorporate their respective independent claims and any intervening claims. The remaining claims were amended, to accurately reflect their current dependencies.

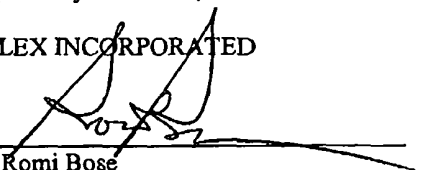
The Examiner is requested to kindly note that claims 3 and 8 now are amended to incorporate claim language from originally filed independent claims 1 and 7. This is being done because claims 3 and 8 *et al.* were objected to by the Examiner prior to the amendment of claims 1 and 7. In addition, claims 10-19 (10 and 15 amended) should now be allowable since they depend from now-allowable claims.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance which allowance is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions, he or she is encouraged to call Applicant's attorney to resolve any issues that may hamper allowance of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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